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For: A DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING NETWORK EQUIPMENT
MANAGEMENT DATA, FOR A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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A copy of the European Search Report for EP03292544 is attached, along with a partial English translation. All other documents on the search report not submitted herewith have been previously disclosed.

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